GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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HOME TO SHELTERLESS PERSONS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has found any shortage of housing units in the rural areas of the country as per the census of the year 2001;

(b) The amount spent for the purpose during the current year;

(c) The number of housing units estimated to be required each year as per the existing level;

(d) Whether any estimate had been prepared regarding number of dwelling units required for the shelterless people during each of the last three years;

(e) If so, the details thereof;

(f) Whether areas have been identified where there is acute shortage of shelter;

(g) If so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon;

(h) The number of houses likely to be constituted during 2005-2006 under Indira Awas Yojana alongwith the amount likely to be spent on it; and

(i) The basic amenities proposed to be provided in such houses?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) to (e): Requirement of houses for Below the Poverty Line (BPL) families of rural areas is estimated on the basis of the data made available by the Office of the Registrar General of India. As per Census 2001, the housing shortage in rural area is about 148.33 lakh. Under Indira Awaas Yojana, the targets are fixed on year to year basis depending upon the annual budgetary allocation. During the last three years (2002-2003, 2003-04,2004-05), targets for construction of houses were fixed 13.14, 14.84 and 15.62 lakh respectively. At the rate of present annual allocation (Rs. 2750.00 crore), about 15.00 lakh houses are likely to be constructed. In order to provide shelter to the rural poor,about 60 lakh houses are proposed to be constructed during the next 4 years under `Bharat Nirman` Programme.

(f) to
(i): A statement showing the State-wise Rural Housing shortage is annexed. The funds under the IAY are allocated to the States/Union Territories on the basis of poverty ratio and housing shortage by giving 25 % weightage to poverty ratio and 75 % weightage to housing shortage. Thus, the States with acute housing shortage are getting more funds. During the current financial year 2005-06, an amount of Rs. 2732.40 crore has been allocated under the Indira Awaas Yojana with the target of about 15.00 lakh houses to be constructed. Of this, an amount of Rs. 1452.63 crore has been released and about 5.80 lakh houses have been constructed under the Scheme. Under the Scheme, the houses are constructed by the beneficiaries themselves. Sanitary latrine and smokeless chulha are an integral part of an IAY house.